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"Pack rats" is a colloquial term for woodrats (*Neotoma* spp.). The term "pack rats" should never be accepted as a pest control claim.

Unlike commensal rats, woodrats are native to North America and are not very close to them taxonomically or behaviorally. If someone wants to claim control of them with a Bromadiolone product, it's a new use and one that should be assessed carefully as these animals often occur far away from buildings. True to the colloquial name, woodrats tend to cache large amounts of various materials in various places. They have been reported to remove large amounts of bait but not eat any and to fill bait stations up with sticks. Species-specific efficacy data should be required to support any claim for controlling woodrats.

The Key Largo woodrat is a listed species. Several other varieties also might be in trouble.

▼ John Hebert---03/29/2011 10:59:22 AM---Hi Bill - what efficacy studies are required for pack rats? The product in question has bromadiolon

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Hi Bill - what efficacy studies are required for pack rats? The product in question has bromadiolone and is registered for Norway/roof rats and house mice. Can data for Norway rats support pack rats?
Thanks....

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